

**REMARKS**

**I. THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**

Applicants submit herein an Information Disclosure Statement to provide the International Preliminary Examination Report.

**II. THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Office requires restriction of the claims to one of the following:

Group I, claim 1, drawn to a method of increasing hematopoietic stem cell production comprising administering a TPO mimetic compound; and

Group II, claims 2-12, drawn to methods comprising the steps of administering a TPO mimetic compound to a subject, enhancing the expansion of the stem cell population within bone marrow, harvesting one or more of the bone marrow stem cells, and transplanting the one or more harvested stem cells in the subject.

In response, Applicants elect Group II, claims 2-12, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

**III. THE SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

The Office requires election of the claims to a single disclosed species of TPO mimetic. In response, applicants elect I E G P T L R Q (2-Nal) L A A R X<sub>10</sub>, where X<sub>10</sub> is a sarcosine or β-alanine with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that a search and examination for the compounds disclosed in the present application will not place an undue burden on the Office. MPEP § 803. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected species.

IV. CONCLUSION

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. Should the Office require anything further, it is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below. Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No . 10-0750/PRD-2110-USANP/LAD for any such fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
- Form PTO 1449
- MPEP 609D